

TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

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NOTICE OF FILING

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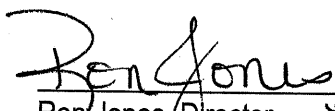
IN RE: ***Implementation of the Federal Communications Commission's Triennial Review Order – 9 Month Proceeding - Switching***

DATE: November 18, 2003

On October 27, 2003, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") filed a proposed *Protective Order*. In the cover letter, BellSouth explained that it had provided copies of the proposed *Protective Order* to the parties of record and, with the exception of the Consumer Advocate and Protection Division ("CAPD"), no party opposed the proposed *Protective Order* or provided substantive comments on the proposed *Protective Order*. As to the CAPD, BellSouth explained that the CAPD had proposed certain revisions and that BellSouth and the Competitive Carriers of the South, Inc. would discuss the revisions with the CAPD and notify the Authority by October 31, 2003 if the parties reached an agreement. No such notice was filed and despite the stated lack of objection no signatures appear on the proposed *Protective Order*. In order to better assess the support for the proposed *Protective Order*, the Hearing Officer issued a *Notice of Filing* on November 12, 2003 directing interested parties to file objections to the proposed *Protective Order* by Monday, November 17, 2003.

On November 17, 2003, BellSouth filed a revised, proposed *Protective Order*, including a red-lined version, and explained that it and the CAPD agreed to the revised, proposed *Protective Order* and that it was sending copies of the revised, proposed *Protective Order* to the other parties. Also on November 17, 2003, the CAPD filed the *Status Report of the Consumer Advocate Division of the Office of the Attorney General* stating that it and BellSouth agreed to the revised, proposed *Protective Order*. The copies of the revised, proposed *Protective Order* do not contain any signatures. In order to assess the parties' support for the revised, proposed *Protective Order*, the Hearing Officer directs that any objections to the revised, proposed *Protective Order* be filed by **Thursday, November 20, 2003. Failure to file objections to the revised, proposed *Protective Order* will be considered as support for the entering of the revised, proposed *Protective Order* by the Hearing Officer.**¹

For the Tennessee Regulatory Authority:


Ron Jones, Director *with permission*
Acting as Hearing Officer

¹ The short response time is due to the fact that responses to discovery are to be served on parties and filed with the Tennessee Regulatory Authority on Monday, November 24, 2003.

cc: BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.
Competitive Carriers of the South, Inc.
United Telephone-Southeast, Inc.
Consumer Advocate and Protection Division
TDS Telecom
Brooks Fiber Communications of Tennessee, Inc.
AT&T Communications of the South Central States, LLC
ITC^DeltaCom of the South Central States, LLC
Birch Telecom of the South, Inc.

Time Warner Telecom of the MidSouth, LLC
Sprint Communications Company, L.P.
Sprint Spectrum, L.P. d/b/a Sprint PCS
Electric Power Board of Chattanooga
MCImetro Access Transmission Services, LLC
Qwest Communications, Inc.
ITC^DeltaCom of the South Central States, LLC
DIECA Communications Inc. d/b/a Covad
Communications Company

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